

## RESOLUTIONS

OF

## THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW JERSEY,

RELATIVE

*To the pilot system.*

FEBRUARY 2, 1846.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey,* That the act of Congress of March 2, 1837, entitled "An act concerning pilots," authorizing the commander of any vessel coming into or going out of any port, situate upon waters which are the boundary between two States, to employ any pilot, duly licensed or authorized by the laws of either of the States bounded on the said waters, to pilot said vessel to and from said ports, has, in the opinion of this legislature, been a useful and salutary law, and that the operation of the same has materially diminished the perils to which ships and cargoes and the lives of those (both passengers and crew) who navigate the ocean are exposed.

*Resolved,* That the act in question, by producing competition, has stimulated exertion, secured to the most active and enterprising the fair rewards of their labor, and aroused from their lethargy those who were content to gain an easy living without effort and without exposure, while enjoying the monopoly allowed them by the regulations existing before the passage of that act, and of the New Jersey pilot laws.

*Resolved,* That, in the opinion of this legislature, the said act is within the range of the constitutional power of Congress to regulate commerce among the several States, and that its constitutionality may be considered as settled by the decision pronounced by the highest judicial tribunal of the Union in the well-known steamboat controversy; and while we would regret and oppose any encroachment by the general government upon the powers of the States, we call on that government to maintain in its full vigor a power legitimately belonging to it, and the operation of which, as exercised by the act of Congress before referred to, has been useful and salutary, beneficial to commerce, and injurious to none but those who enjoyed the profits of a monopoly.

*Resolved,* That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be earnestly requested to use their best efforts to prevent the repeal of the said act.

*Resolved,* That the secretary of state be directed to transmit a certified

copy of these resolutions to each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State.

Approved, January 27, 1846.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

I, Charles G. McChesney, secretary of state of the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of joint resolutions passed by the legislature of this State, and approved by the governor January 27, A. D. 1846, as taken from and compared with the original now on file in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office, at Trenton, this twenty-seventh day of January, A. D. [L. S.] one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

CHARLES G. MCCHESENEY,  
*Secretary of State.*